

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 884

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RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of the Liberty High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps unit.

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1966, the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC) has provided instruction and guidance to thousands of young men and women; and

WHEREAS, now boasting 879 units and 102,000 cadets throughout the world, the AF JROTC utilizes a proven military environment to teach the essential qualities that are necessary to excel as a citizen and as a leader; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps unit at Liberty High School have served their community and school with pride and distinction and deserve proper recognition for their volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, established in 2005, Liberty's AF JROTC program is under the astute guidance and direction of Major Scott Parkhurt and Chief Wally Litrell, each of whom has been selected as an Outstanding Instructor multiple times and have achieved the distinguished rank of Advanced Instructor; and

WHEREAS, wholly devoted to their core values of integrity first, service before self, excellence in all they do, and refusal to lie, cheat, or steal, the extraordinary cadets of Liberty High School work assiduously to master the intricacies of aerospace science and perfect their leadership, communication, and life skills; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, this year, the JROTC cadets endeavored to serve their fellow citizens by visiting a veteran's home, providing special veterans' programs and POW/MIA programs for community organizations, sending care packages to deployed troops, collecting food for RIFA and other food banks, raising funds and

holding a car show for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, running a clothing drive for Goodwill Industries, and participating in several campus and community clean-up efforts; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, the Liberty AF JROTC has received several Distinguished Unit Awards and was named Air Force Best Unit in Western Tennessee and Air Force Association Outstanding AF JROTC Unit in the Western Region; and

WHEREAS, the unit has expertly accomplished their mission to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit at Liberty High School for their outstanding service to their community, the State of Tennessee, and this nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.